



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

Oakland Private Industry Council, Inc., CA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. The job training grants provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to prepare them for employment in the assessment and cleanup of brownfield sites. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Oakland Private Industry Council, Inc. (Oakland PIC) was selected to receive a job training grant. The unemployment rate in the City of Oakland is 10%, and almost 20% of Oakland residents live in poverty. The Oakland PIC will focus on residents of three Enhanced Enterprise Communities (EECs) for training. The EECs include the Oakland Industrial Corridor and Uptown area, where significant redevelopment activities are underway. The Oakland Industrial Corridor contains more than 700 properties with known or suspected contamination. The Corridor includes the Coliseum Redevelopment area, which is targeted by



Job Training Grant

\$125,000

EPA has selected the Oakland Private Industry Council, Inc. for a job training grant. The Oakland PIC plans to train 120 students with the EPA grant, achieve an 85% graduation rate, achieve a 63% placement rate, and track students for one year. The 152-hour training program consists of hazardous waste worker, confined space entry, lead remediation, asbestos removal, and alternative and innovative technologies. Students will be recruited from inner-city Enhanced Enterprise Community zones in the City of Oakland, with an emphasis on recruiting minorities and women. Training will be conducted at the 16,000 square-foot Cypress Mandella Training Center. The Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council and the Association of General Contractors will assist with placement of graduates in environmental jobs.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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the city for cleanup and redevelopment. The Uptown area includes three city blocks that need to be investigated for soil contamination in preparation for a major housing development. Hazardous waste workers represent one of the fastest growing occupations in the Alameda County, and there is high demand for local environmental technicians.